

I _HATE_ standard radio.

From constant repetition of (the same few) commercials to music selection played, the standard radio choices in this area are about the worst it can get. Predictability and loathing has taken the place of variety and enjoyment. I can understand that AM/FM is supposedly free - but at what cost? Apparently at the cost of my happiness. I can't imagine anyone find entertainment in the bombardment of commercials, not to mention the predictability and repetition - which are the biggest problems with commercial radio, One local station is so predictable that I know when a certain DJ comes on I'll hear anything by Van Halen within 30 minutes. Another plays the exact same songs every day in a slightly different order. Another station will play a 'popular' song, 12 commercials then replay the 'popular' song. Just plain retarded.

XM Radio is byfar worth every dollar I pay for it - yes, that's right. PAY. If \$10 a month means I'll never again be subjected to the crap that is on the current airwaves, I would gladly hand them \$20. I can listen to any of the 140 stations I want, almost never hear a commercial and NEVER hear the same song twice ever - not in an hour, a day or week. I can get news nearly immediately - I don't have to wait for some DJ to rip through Britney Spears' latest song 6 times in a row then give me a 30 second blurb capsule of 'news'. I can dial up CNN, MSNBC, and more and find out what's going on - NOW.

The NAB's petition against XM, 04-160, is infringing on the right to choose. Plain and simple. No one is forcing ANYONE to pay for XM Radio. It is a choice. I choose XM over FM/AM for a host of reasons, only lightly touched upon here. I am grateful to XM for the choice, and I am outraged at the government for challenging this choice. In this time of global turmoil, wouldn't it be better to concentrate political power on something that matters, instead of these petty entertainment "problems"?